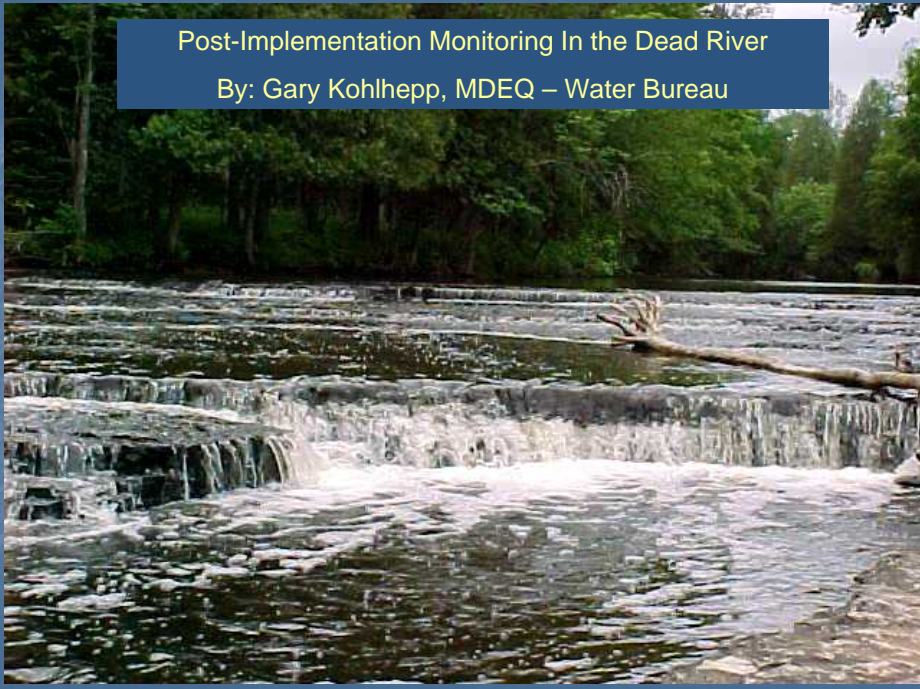


Post-Implementation Monitoring In the Dead River

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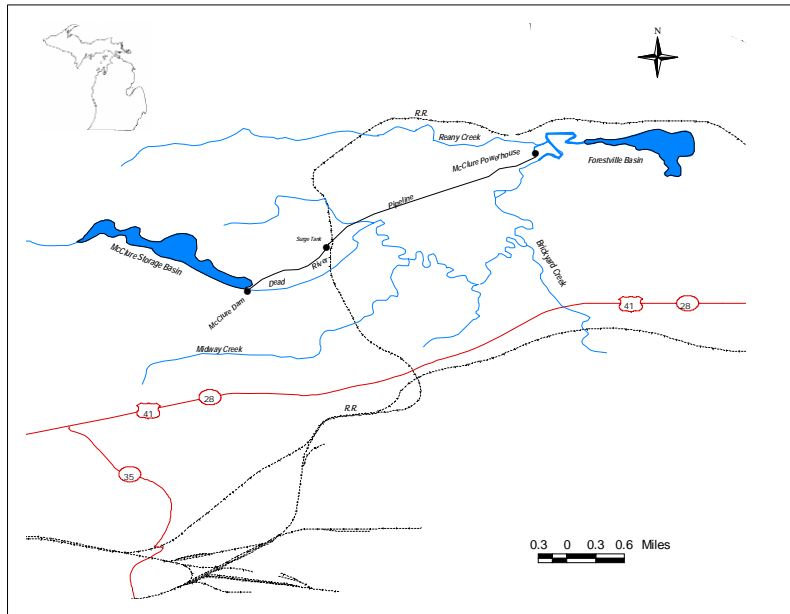


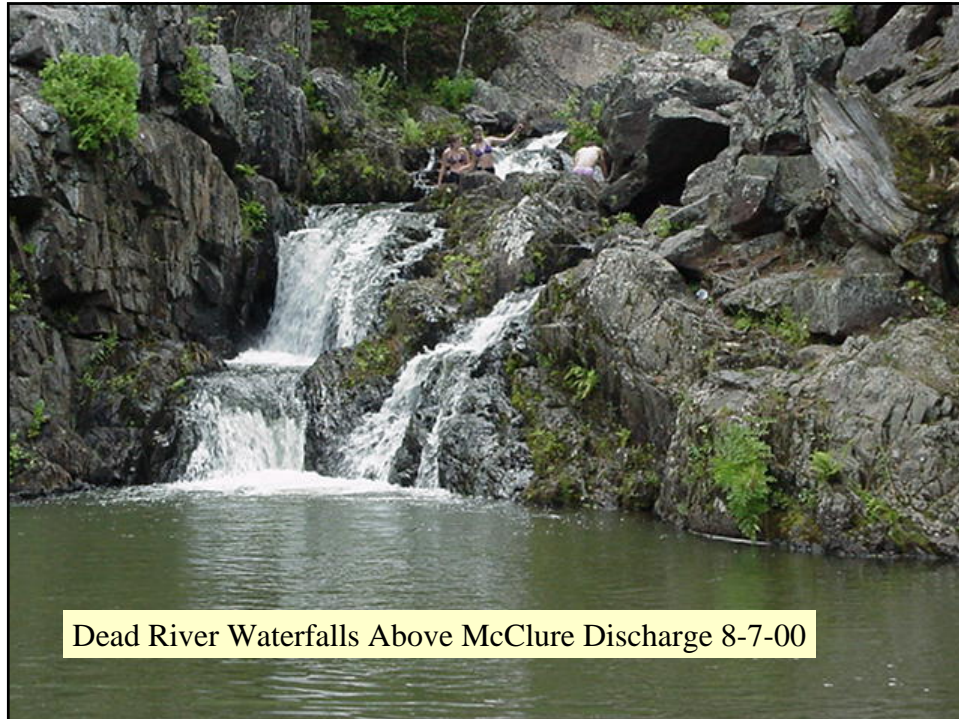
Post-Implementation Projects

- Dead River
- Kennecott Mine
- Stamp Sand Remediation
- BMP Projects (road crossings, bank stabilization, cattle exclusion, sedimentation)

Project Background

- Located in Marquette County, MI
- Water pumped from Upper Peninsula Power Company (UPPCO) dam six miles downstream
- Received minimal dam leakage and tributary flow
- In 1999, S. 401 certification required 20 cfs minimum flow release





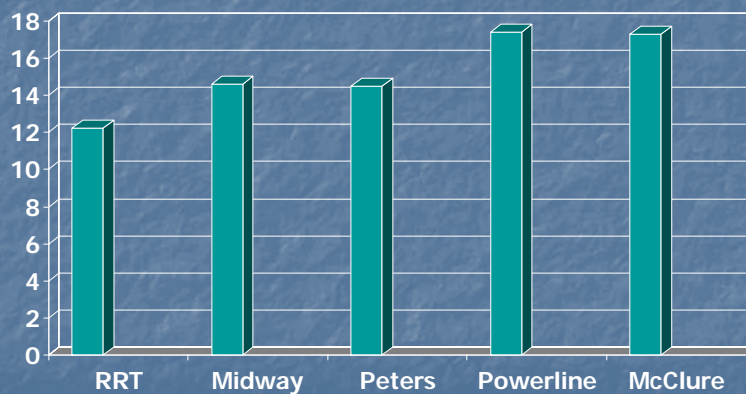
Baseline Study

- Conducted in August 2000 by MDEQ, MDNR, UPPCO
- Fish and channel morphology – quantitative, 3 reaches in 6 mile channel
- Temperature – 6 stations (5 in Dead River)

Results

- Fish:
 - Brook trout most abundant
 - 3% > 7 inches; 63% YOY
- Habitat:
 - 1.5 to 5 cfs
 - mean width < 5 feet
- Temperature:
 - 5 degree C (12.2 – 17.4) increase along channel
 - met coldwater standard

Mean August 2000 Temps (Degrees C)



Dead River Flood

- Silver Lake dam failure in May 2003 resulted in a major flood
- Complete temperature and channel morphology reassessment in 2004 (by UPPCO)
- Fish not reassessed

Dead River Flood



Tourist Park Damage

Dead River Flood



Post-Flood Results

- Water temps unchanged, except when water released over the dam (4 degree C increase)
- Channel generally wider and deeper after the 2003 flood

Morphology – 2000 vs. 2004

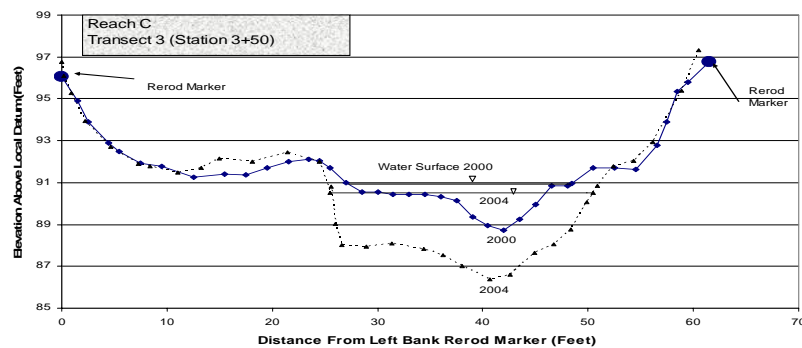
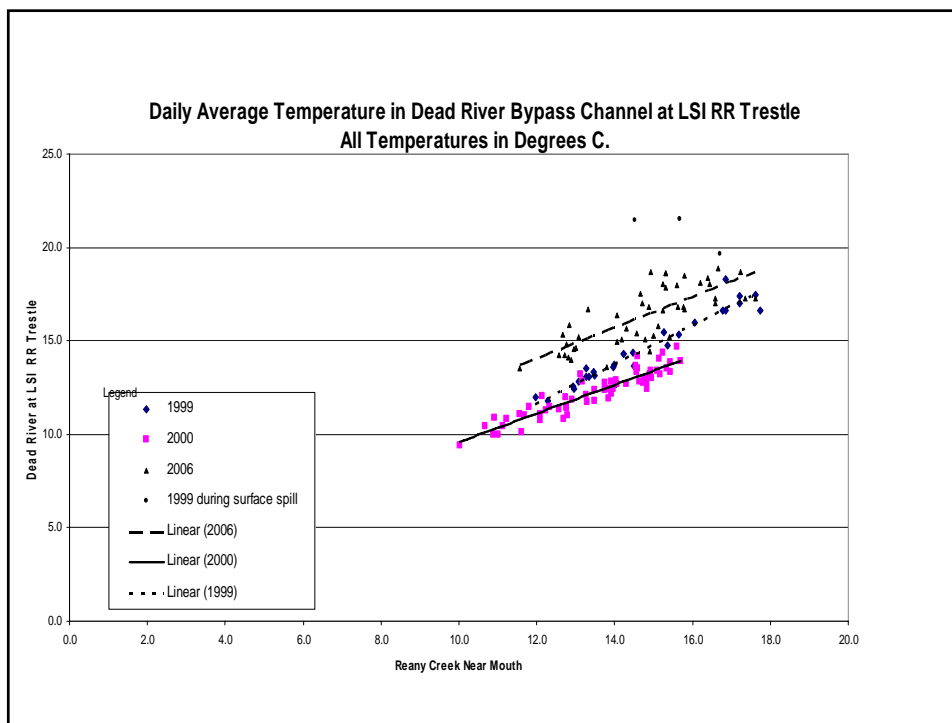


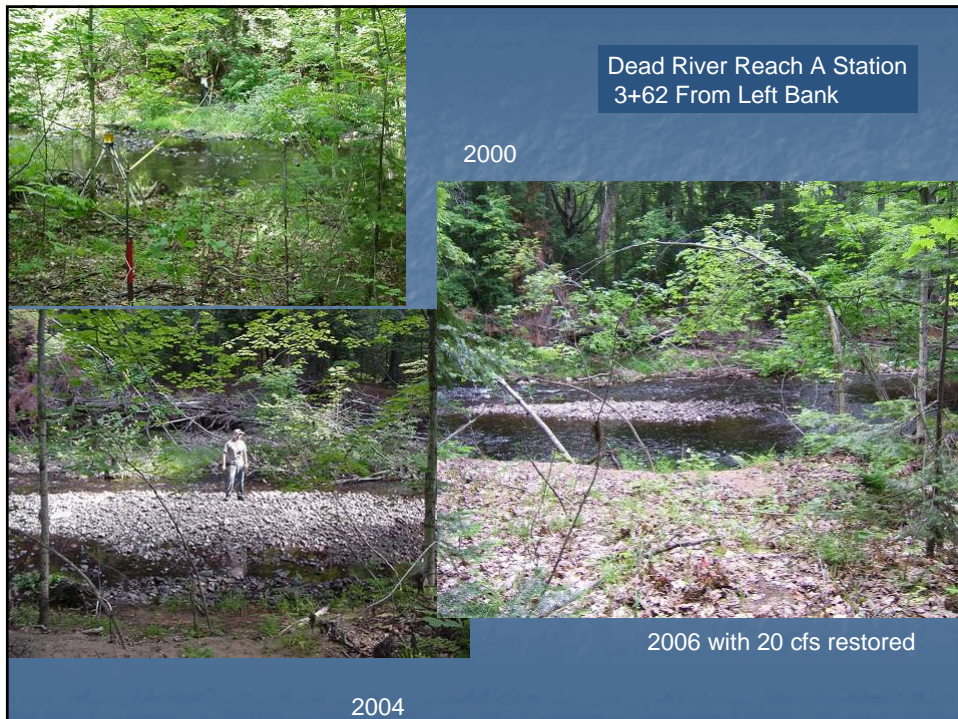
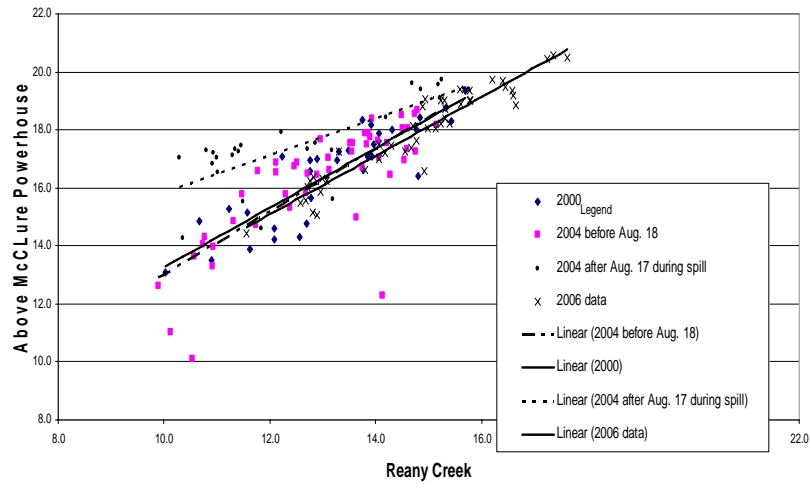
Figure 16. Cross Section Profile of Transect 3 (Station 3+50) Reach C Pre and Post Flood

Post-Implementation Results

- 20 cfs discharge began in April 2005
- In 2006, water temps were higher below the dam but similar by the end of the reach
- Water temps met cold water MWQS (20 degree C)
- Fish and channel morphology not yet reassessed, to allow for post-flood stabilization



Daily Average Temperature in Dead River Bypass Channel Upstream of McClure Powerhouse. All Temperatures in Degrees C.





Summary and Lessons Learned

- Cooperative effort with DNR and UPPCO
- BACI Model used
- Multiple data types (temp, morphology, biology)
- Long-term commitment
- Account for confounding variables (flood)

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